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1. CONSENSUS OF ALL CONCERNED THAT SIX HOUR VISIT OF CODEL FANNIN WAS UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS. ALTHOUGH SCHEDULE HAD TO BE COMPRESSED AT LAST MINUTE TO ACCOMODATE LATER ARRIVAL, CODEL ABLE PROCEED AT LEAST IN ABBREVIATED FASHION WITH ENTIRE PROGRAM. THIS INCLUDED MEETINGS WITH UAE MINPET OTAIBA, UAE DEPUTY PRIME MIN SHAIKH KHALIFA BIN ZAYID, WHO ALSO ABU DHABI CROWN PRINCE, AND CALL ON SPEAKER OF UAE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY. DURING CALLS ON OTAIBA AND SHAIKH KHALIFA FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE ON SUBJECTS ENERGY, ME PROBLEM, AND DEVELOPMENT CLOSER RELATION BETWEEN US AND UAE.

2. THIS LATTER EVENT PROVED TO BE HIGHLIGHT OF VISIT WITH SENATORS HANSEN AND BARTLETT UNEXPECTEDLY BEING INVITED BY THE SPEAKER THANI BIN ABDULLAH TO ATTEND REGULAR SESSION OF ASSEMBLY.

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SENATORS ADDRESSED LOCAL PARLIAMENTARY BODY STRESSING DESIRE FOR

GREATER COOPERATION AND STRENGTHENING
OF TIES BETWEEN US AND UAE.

THEY ALSO CITED CURRENT EFFORTS OF SEC KISSINGER AS PROOF OF GENUINE
DESIRE OF US TO EFFECT PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. ON
BEHALF MEMBERS OF CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY, SPEAKER EXPRESSED SINCERE
APPRECIATION FOR PEACE EFFORTS OF DR KISSINGER. RECIPROCATING
THEIR VISIT, CODEL EXTENDED OPEN INVITATION TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR
ITS MEMBERS TO VISIT U.S. SENATE IN FUTURE.

3. VISIT CULMINATED WITH LUNCHEON HOSTED BY MINISTER OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAIF AL GHUBASH, WHICH INCLUDED MINPET
OTAIBA AND KEY OIL SECTOR OFFICIALS AND EXECUTIVES. OTAIBA
INCIDENTLY DECIDED AT LAST MINUTE TO CANCEL SCHEDULED TRIP TO OMAN
IN ORDER TO BE PRESENT AT LUNCHEON. EMB ALSO ARRANGED FOR
SENATOR FANNIN TO TOUR UNIV ARIZONA ARID LANDS RESEARCH PROJECT ON
SADIYAT ISLAND.

4. CODEL IMPRESSED HOSTS BOTH WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF ENERGY MATTERS
AND FRANK, OPEN MANNER IN WHICH THEY APPROACHED SENSITIVE ARAB-ISRAEL
QUESTION AND STATE US-ARAB RELATIONS. ALL UAE OFFICIALS INVOLVED
HAVE COMMENTED MOST FAVORABLY ON OUTSTANDING PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFECT
OF VISIT AND HAVE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FAR GREATER NUMBER OF CONG-
RESSIONAL DELEGATIONS AND OTHER USG OFFICIALS WILL SCHEDULE UAE AS
STOP ON THEIR ME ITINERARIES.

5. ALL KEY EVENTS ON CODEL'S PROGRAM COVERED BY PRESS AND TV.

6. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, SEPARATE PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR WIVES OF
SENATORS BARTLETT AND HANSEN. LADIES SEEMED PARTICULARLY PLEASED
HAVE OPPORTUNITY CALL ON SHAIKHA FATIME, FAVORITE WIFE OF UAE PRES-
IDENT SHAIKH ZAYID. IN COURSE 45 MINUTE MEETING, FATIMA RECEIVED
INVITATION FROM WIVES TO VISIT US AS THEIR GUEST.

7. SEPARATE CABLES WILL REPORT SUBSTANCE OF CODEL'S MEETINGS WITH
OTAIBA AND SHAIKH KHALIFA.

8. EMB MOST GRATEFUL FOR OUTSTANDING ASSISTANCE OF ARAMCO IN
PLACING ITS EXECUTIVE JET AT DISPOSAL OF CODEL. HAD ARAMCO NOT
HANDLED TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS, IT UNLIKELY CODEL COULD HAVE
PROCEEDED WITH ABU DHABI PART OF TRIP. WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN
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DHAHRAN EXPRESSING EMB'S SINCERE APPRECIATION TO ARAMCO MANAGEMENT.
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